

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL MUSIC PARENTS' **ORGANIZATION**

New Member Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016

The meeting for choir students and parents was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in the choir room at Freedom High School. Attendees included Director Mrs. Volpato, FHSVMPPO President Mrs. Lindsay Kessler, Vice President Mrs. Carol Grace Hicks, Treasurer Mrs. Anne Draper, Secretary Mrs. Brenda Cahill and several families. Attendees were given a copy of an agenda which included the Treasurer's report and Dairy Queen Flyer.

Mrs. Volpato introduced herself and welcomed the families. The purpose of this meeting is to review changes in the handbook.

Lindsay Kessler, President of the parents' organization introduced the current board and committee heads.

- Vice President Carol Grace Hicks who is in charge of fundraising
- Secretary and Disney trip co-chair Brenda Cahill
- Treasurer Anne Draper
- Uniforms Lori Rusack
- Gift Cards Mary Ann Kostura
- Disney trip co-chair Mary Beth Duchesneau
- Hospitality Kathie Davis

A motion was made by Lori Rusack and seconded by Carol Grace Hicks to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2016 meeting.

Anne Draper presented the Treasurer's report of July 12, 2016 as prepared by former treasurer, Tom McGorry. A motion was made by Mary Ann Kostura and seconded by Lindsay Kessler to approve the treasurer's report.

Lindsay Kessler asked parents to complete the membership form. She said that we as an organization have a unique opportunity to help the students and Mrs. Volpato. We have parent volunteer opportunities with uniforms, concerts, publicity, photography, and driving. Carol Grace Hicks hopes to start a Wawa hoagie coupon fundraiser and is looking for someone to help. Carol Grace would also like suggestions of your favorite restaurants to host Dine to Donate evenings.

Mrs. Volpato mentioned how wonderful summer choir camp was going. She commended Ireana Wimmer for organizing the music library. Any student looking for community service can assist. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Freedom High School and special activities for this event will include the choir. April 27th is the Alumni Concert where a specific musical

piece was commissioned for the event. The summer mailing included the calendar of dates but they could change so check the website or link your calendar per the website. Remind is the primary form of communication. All fundraiser information is placed on the piano for the students to pick up. In the choir room, there are boxes for all paperwork to be submitted. Do not hand papers directly to Mrs. Volpato. The choir Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter are for fun. The Handbook is available online with additional copies located on the piano. The last page of the handbook includes two pages for parents and students to sign and initial. By signing this, it means you have no questions about the grading. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Volpato prior to signing. This page is due by the end of the first week of school. All performances are graded and students need a parental note if they are missing a performance. Students should have black tops and bottoms and shoes for certain performances. The \$70 uniform fee for students who don't already have a gown or suit is due at the November meeting.

Lindsay Kessler mentioned that a great volunteer opportunity is helping with hospitality. Kathie Davis uses sign up genius and will send an email with items that we need for retreats (three times per year) and bake sales (three times per year.) The money from the bake sales are used for the year end picnic for the choir. We have three concerts each year, winter, coffee house, and spring.

Mary Beth Duchesneau mentioned the fundraiser tonight from 5-8 at Dairy Queen. The choir will receive 10% of all sales that the flyer is presented. Someone suggested doing a dine to donate at PJ Whelihan's. Mary Ann Kostura has some gift cards this evening and will be getting more Giant. Five percent of gift cards purchased goes into your students account.

Mrs. Volpato should be reached if you have any financial difficulties. We have some rental dresses available. We want all students to be involved but communication of any difficulties is crucial.

We are waiting for a date for the Barnes & Noble fundraiser. Mrs. Davison is coordinating this event.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 13 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Cahill, Secretary